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### CKC 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING POSTPONED

Due to government and public health directives related to COVID-19, the 2020 CKC Annual General Meeting has been postponed until a later time. The health and wellbeing of our staff and the CKC Community remains our top priority. Once restrictions are lifted, the 2020 AGM will be held in Toronto, in conjunction with the quarterly Board meeting.

Hotel cancellations can be made by calling toll free at 1-888-870-3033 or via e-mail at **reservations@sheratonhotelnewfoundland.com**.

We appreciate your understanding and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Further details will be provided in the coming months as the situation continues to evolve.

## NOTICE: RECOGNITION OF THREE (3) CKC MISCELLANEOUS BREEDS

In preparation for the 2020 Referendum this Fall, the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) is taking steps to move three (3) miscellaneous breeds toward Full Recognition.

CKC invites Canadian breeders and owners of the following three (3) breeds to register to vote on the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) and move these breeds to Full Recognition with CKC:

- Japanese Akita
- Parson Russell Terrier
- Russkiy Toy

ROE are a requirement of CKC under the Animal Pedigree Act (APA) for all purebred animals under its jurisdiction. ROE are meant to establish broad and key traits for each breed to be used for registration considerations only. The **ROE** are not to be confused with the much more extensive breed standards that detail the ideal structural, physical and temperamental characteristics of a dog representing a breed. These specific characteristics describe a sound and healthy dog that is capable of carrying out its original purpose.

Breeders and owners are encouraged to support their breeds and vote. Visit our dedicated <u>webpage</u>\* to discover more about Full Breed Recognition for these breeds, their Rules of Eligibility and how to <u>register</u>\* to vote.

## CKC EXTENDS HEAD OFFICE CLOSURE

The Ontario government has mandated the closure of nonessential businesses as of March 24 at 11:59 p.m. EDT due to COVID-19. The health and safety of Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) staff and the CKC Community remains our top priority and we continue to practice social distancing during this uncertain time. As such, all staff are working from home to minimize service disruption and CKC has extended the head office closure until further notice.

Due to the office closure, we have made the following changes:

- Order Desk requests will be suspended except for microchip orders, which will be fullfilled twice weekly.
- For applications completed online from February 1, 2020 onwards and for paper applications submitted after February 1, 2020, certificates and pedigrees will be emailed to you. In order to receive an electronic copy, you must have a valid, unique email address on file with CKC. To update your email address, simply login to the <u>CKC Portal</u>, under the *My CKC* tab to access *My Profile*. Paper copies will be mailed once regular business operations resume.
- Our ability to send and receive mail is extremely limited, so we encourage you to submit work online.

We continue to be available via the following:

#### CKC Portal

If you have submitted work by mail that is caught in our backlog, we encourage you to submit your applications via the Portal to significantly reduce wait times. This is a good opportunity to set up your online account if you haven't already. <u>Simply follow these instructions to get you started</u>.

#### Live Chat

For a real-time response, contact our Live Chat support, which can be accessed through the <u>CKC homepage</u> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT.

#### Telephone

Please call 416-675-5511 or toll-free at 1-855-364-7252 to leave a short message and a staff member will return your call as soon as possible.

We will continue to reassess this situation based on government and public health directives.

We apologize for any inconvenience you may experience during this unprecedented time. Please watch for updates via our <u>COVID-19</u> page as the situation continues to evolve.

# GETTING A NEW PUPPY DURING COVID-19



# SOME TIPS AND ADVICE FOR PUPPY BUYERS IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

I must say this is a blog I never imagined myself writing, but here we are. While our brave health care workers continue to fight the COVID-19 outbreak, puppy buyers are faced with many challenges this spring. Here are some tips and things to consider when buying a puppy during this difficult time.

#### Beware of Puppy Scams

In times of uncertainty, it's not unusual to seek comfort. For us dog lovers, there is little more comforting than a cuddly puppy. Unfortunately, some criminals take advantage of these times and scam innocent people out of money in the promise of a puppy that doesn't actually exist.

Red flags for a puppy scam includes stolen photos of puppies to advertise them. Once you see photos on the seller's site or online ad, do several simple google image searches for the breed they sell. First type in the breed (example "Bernese Mountain Dog", "Bernese Mountain Dogs", "Bernese Mountain Dog Puppies" etc.), then select "images" beneath the search bar. Do the photos you saw on their website match the ones you see on these pages? If so, click on the photo. Does the website match that of the kennel that's advertising the puppies for sale? If not - this is likely a stolen photo and possibly a scam. Do a little investigating. Get the breeder's first and last name. Ask the Canadian Kennel Club if they are a member in good standing. Ask the breeder for references from past puppy buyers. Search their name on Facebook or in a search engine to see what comes up. Does the breeder strictly communicate via email? Is so, ask for a phone call or Facetime.

Let's talk money. Are they eager to take your payment? Many breeders require a deposit from buyers when selling a litter, but this is not asked for until several conversations via email or phone are had and a questionnaire is completed by the potential buyer. Responsible breeders don't accept deposits until they are absolutely sure the person interested is an appropriate owner for one of their dogs. Also, if the price seems too good to be true, it probably is. Breeding high quality purebred dogs isn't cheap, so neither is the price of a great puppy. Whenever someone is surprised by the price of a purebred dog I quote interior designer Miles Redd and say, "buy the best and you'll only cry once" and then I modify if for buying a purebred puppy and say, "buy FROM the best and you'll only cry once".

#### Buying a puppy during COVID-19

Purchasing a puppy during this unusual time is a challenge, but with some safety protocols and foresight from a responsible breeder, it can be done. While it is common that breeders invite puppy buyers into their homes to see where the puppies were raised and to meet the dam and littermates, this is not safely possible during these times. Don't be surprised if the breeder uses Facetime or shares videos showing their "puppy area" where their dogs are kept. In these videos you can see how the puppies interact with one another and get a good sense of the personality and the temperament of the mother as well.

A lot of the paperwork associated with the purchase of a purebred dog can be done online with the help of email, a printer and a scanner. The breeder many send some documents ahead of time for you to print, sign, scan and send back. There are many great scanning apps you can download to your smartphone. I've used one called "Genius Scan" for years and have been very happy with it.

Picking up your new puppy will be a different experience than it would have been just a few months ago. Follow government directives and work with the breeder on a safe pick-up protocol. This may require flexibility, such as paying electronically instead of with cash, finalizing agreements electronically prior to the pick-up, altering pick-up location and more. Communication is key.

#### Socializing

Socializing puppies in the time of social distancing presents enormous challenges and will require a great amount of creativity on your part as the new owner.

Until your puppy can socialize face to face, you will have to socialize them from your home. Open and close umbrellas, use the blender and vacuum. There are plenty of puppy socialization videos online that feature sounds you may not be able to recreate at home such as sirens, thunderstorms, traffic and more. Have members of your household wear hats, sunglasses, snow suits etc. Think outside the box and make sure you socialize safely in the more traditional way as soon as authorities say we can. There are many online puppy training courses you can enroll in. It's important to treat these courses seriously by practicing the new commands daily, always using positive reinforcement and ending short puppy training sessions on a positive note.

While it is great news for our dogs that many of us are home with them all day, it is important to teach your puppy how to be comfortable when left alone. Leaving your puppy in their crate or exercise pen for short periods throughout the week (while you are working in another part of the home or out shopping for essentials) will help ease the transition when you return to work.

These are extraordinary times. During this period of great concern, a wonderful new puppy might just be what we need to get through. By having the knowledge, preparation and expectation in knowing that this time period will be unique, we can safely and successfully add new puppies to our homes.

## MEET THE SAMOYED



When I was a child, my mother enrolled my American Cocker Spaniel "Peanut" and I in a dog obedience training course that was specially designed for. The course was taught by a man who owned 3 Samoyeds and brought them to every class to demonstrate

exercises. Before the course I had never laid my eyes on a Samoyed before. I remember telling my mom that they looked like "stuffed animals and Christmas morning"! Since then, I have remained enchanted by the breed and am not alone. The Samoyed has fans around the world and for good reason - they are charming, intelligent and sensitive dogs.

#### Thanks to the help of CKC Member, Judge and Breeder Judi Elford of <u>Vanderbilt Samoyeds</u>, I'm able to share this information on Samoyeds with you. Judi has bred Samoyeds since 1977 with her husband Blair.

The Samoyed is a medium sized member of the Spitz family of dogs. In fact, the Samoyed may be the original progenitor of most of the Spitz breeds we see today as there is no record of human's "creating" the Samoyed breed from other breeds, as is seen in other purebred dogs. A quick glance at the Samoyed and one would easily and correctly guess that these dogs were bred to pull sleighs. But Samoyeds can do much more. They are handy, all around dogs. Samoyeds herded the reindeer for the nomadic Samoyede people whose livelihood depended upon these migrating animals. The Samoyed could also pull sleds, help in the hunt, and keep the children warm in the "choom" tents that the Samoyede erected as they stopped to rest on long journeys. The breed was selected for several Antarctic expeditions in the late 1800's and early 1900's, and were brought directly from Samoyede tribes for this task. Survivors of these expeditions were then brought to England where fanciers developed a breed standard - and those original working dogs' genes have formed what we know as the Samoyed breed today.

The earliest mention of the breed found seems to be an 1891 advert by one of the earliest developers of the breed, Mr. Kilburn-Scott of England; placed under the 'Foreign Dogs and Various' classification in the English papers. It described the dogs as : "Lovely white Russian (Samoyed) sledge dog pups, like small polar bears, most gentle and affectionate. Splendid coats and tails...". Little has changed.

"Sammies", as they are affectionately called, have outstanding temperaments from their long associations serving humans. Their gentleness and camaraderie to both children and the elderly - and everyone in between - is almost legendary. Today Samoyeds are used as service dogs, therapy dogs, pulling children on sleds, skijoring with adult owners, looking dapper at dog shows, and most importantly, cherished as beloved family pets. The eye arresting beauty of their glistening white, cream or biscuit stand-off coat is usually what makes people look twice. But then it's those exotic eyes out of antiquity and the soulful character that pulls them in. Not to mention that "Sammy Smile".

The care of the Samoyed's coat is not complicated but a regular commitment is required, especially as they shed their dense undercoat seasonally. On the plus side though, their coat has no doggy odour. The harsh outer coat resists dirt and many people allergic to dogs are absolutely fine with Samoyeds. Breeders have tested hundreds of people with our dogs over the years, and while some allergic people do react to the breed, by far most don't.

Exercise requirements are for those of an active medium sized dog, and most Sammies appreciate as much as they can get. As long as you're with them, they're pretty content. As a socially needy breed, this is not the dog to get if you have to leave them at home for long hours daily. They are pack dogs with a strong sense of family, but also accepting of all, thriving being among others with a "the more the merrier" attitude. Loneliness can lead to noisy and destructive behaviour as Samoyeds can and do protest being left behind. Doggy daycares are perfect for working families, as they can flaunt their social nature while dog parents can rest easy knowing that their dog is not getting into trouble while home alone.

The Samoyed might be the breed for you if:

- You have an active home
- You want a trainable dog that can do a variety of dog sports
- You don't mind speaking with strangers when out for walks (everyone will ask about your beautiful dog)
- You have a good vacuum
- You have allergies to dogs

The Samoyed might not be the breed for you if:

- You work long and/ unpredictable hours
- You don't want a dog that sheds
- Don't have the time to provide your dog with mental and physical stimulation
- Can't tolerate a vocal dog

If the Samoyed interests you, connect with Canadian Kennel Club member Samoyed breeders by using out Puppy List. <u>www.thepuppylist.ca</u>

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCIPLINARY REPORT

The following report is of disciplinary action taken by the Executive Director in accordance with Section 15.1 of CKC Bylaws in which the Executive Director has authority for first alleged offences relating to the non-delivery of certificates of registration.

#### Lindsay Bussey, Hamilton, ON, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC) Deprived for 90 days and continuing.

Failed to provide a certificate of registration

within 6 months of the date of sale. \$250.00

#### Joanne Pauze, Mascouche, QC, Member (Complainant – CKC)

. Reprimanded Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale, but certificate was provided at the time this matter was considered. \$100.00

#### Lesley Robinson, Medicine Hat, AB, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC) Deprived for 90 days and continuing.

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Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale. \$250.00

Amélie Hamel, Saint-Lin-Laurentides, QC, Non-Member (Complainant – CKC) Deprived for 90 days Failed to provide a certificate of

Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale. \$250.00

# KENNEL NAMES



The following applications for registration of kennel names have been received by The Canadian Kennel Club. Any objections must be in writing and submitted so as to be received by the Registration Division, Canadian Kennel Club, 200 Ronson Dr, Suite 400, Etobicoke, Ontario M9W 5Z9, on or before **June 30, 2020**. Only objections from breeders with registered kennel names will be considered.

APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF KENNEL NAMES					
FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE	THIRD CHOICE	FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE	THIRD CHOICE
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ACKERLAND	PRARIELAND	FLACHLAND	NEVAR		
BEARVALLEY	WILLOWRIDGE		NORTHERNSTAR	NORTHSTAR	
BELLBRIGHT			PUREHEART	BEATITUDES	GUIDINGSTAR
BESERMEN			RICOCHET	CARRYON	ITZA
BOMARK	MORNINGSTAR	STELLASTAFF	SHREK	CELTICSHREK	CELTICLOVER
CHIEKO	RAVKO	MAYRA	SOUTHSTAR	IRISSTAR	LAFFISTAR
EMPIRECANIN	LEMPIRECANIN	EMPIRECANINE	TOPAWS	TOLLSTAR	PIXYPALS
EVERFYRE	FYRESTORM		VADASZ	MENESETUNG	ARTAWHILE
GLITTERATI			VALOR	OUTLAW	BRAVERY
GRANDNORTH	NORTHORIZON	KARHIFAMILY	VOMNEBEL	VONHINGABE	
LYNNRIVER			•		



## CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

#### Who We Are

The Canadian Kennel Club is a national, member-based, non-profit organization, incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada. It provides registry services for all officially recognized breeds of purebred dogs and provides governance for all CKC approved shows, trials and events. Finally, the CKC is a communication organization informing all people interested in dogs.

#### Mission

The Canadian Kennel Club will service its membership and the community at large by giving support, understanding, help and guidance in all their canine-related endeavors. CKC will work so that members will be proud of their affiliation. The Club will recognize, promote, and publicize the actions of responsible breeders and owners.

#### Vision

The Canadian Kennel Club, with its members, will be a dynamic service organization, a recognized authority for purebred dogs, and an advocate for all dogs.

#### Values

The Canadian Kennel Club will embrace integrity, openness, honesty and compassion in its dealings with all of its members and customers.



AN INFORMATION SUPPLEMENT FROM THE CKC

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